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Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Sir, are the Members of the Selection Committee residents of Madras or Coimbatore or of other parts of our State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Notice, Sir. Year after year, the Members of the Selection Committee are appointed. There is no permanent Selection Committee.

Hospital Advisory Committee, Tiruvallur

* 3400 Q.—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the recommendation of the Hospital Advisory Committee, Tiruvallur, and the District Medical Officer, Chingleput, regarding the sanction of two lakhs of rupees for the construction of a new Headquarters Hospital building, is under the consideration of the Government; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : (a) & (b) The matter is under consideration. No recommendation of the Hospital Advisory Committee at Tiruvallur has been received by the Government.

Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Sir, in view of the fact that the building in which the hospital is located is unsuitable, insufficient, and insanitary, and is also likely to collapse, will the Government come to a decision in the shortest period of time and consider the urgency and importance of granting this sum of Rs. 2 lakhs for putting up a new building at Tiruvallur for the Headquarters Hospital?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : The matter will be duly considered.

Extension of electricity supply, North Malabar

* 3401 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to extend electric supply from Pappinisseri up to Cherukkunnu in North Malabar; and

(b) if so, whether the work has been taken up?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Sir, in view of the fact that there are very few villages in Malabar where electricity is supplied and also in view of the fact that this is an area included in the National Extension Service, will the Government be pleased to take steps to extend electricity from Pappinisseri up to Cherukkunnu at least?

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The difficulty is this, Sir. Pappinisseri is in the licensed area and Cherukkunnu is in the Government area. The proposal is to acquire the West Coast Electric Supply Corporation in 1957–58. So I am afraid that nothing can be done in the meantime. Once we acquire that Corporation, we can consider the suggestion of the hon. Member.

Pathway for Harijan quarters

* 3402 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a memorandum, dated 1st November 1955, was received by the Government from the Harijans of Pudupakkam village, Marakanam firka in Tindivanam taluk of South Arcot district, regarding the formation of a pathway connecting the Harijan quarters with the caste Hindu locality in the village; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Pillaiyarkulam Panchayat Board

* 3403 *Q.*—SRI P. SELVARAJ (on behalf of Sri R. Krishnaswamy Naidu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the present President of Pillaiyarkulam Panchayat Board (Srivilliputtur taluk) presented a petition, dated 23rd March 1955, regarding the misappropriation of the Board funds by the ex-President; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government on the petition?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYATCHI : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) An enquiry into the matter revealed that the ex-President had misappropriated panchayat funds and also caused pecuniary loss to the panchayat. The question of recovering the amount from him by means of surcharge proceedings apart from criminal proceedings, is engaging the attention of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards.

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* 3404 *Q.*—SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some of the Ministers of this Government had a discussion with the Prime Minister of India regarding the States Reorganization Commission proposal;